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[00:00:00] **MACARIO COLLADO:** Well, my name is Macario Collado and I was born and raised on the island of Maui. My parents were transferred from Kahului Railroad Company to Eureka, California in 1964. So I've been there ever since.

[00:00:31] **RON:** It's forty to fifty years.

[00:00:35] **MACARIO:** It's gone so quickly, I don't even keep track. All I do is wait for the next day.

[00:00:42] **RON:** And you went to school in Eureka?

[00:00:44] **MACARIO:** I went to school two years in Eureka. In 1966 I started as a casual on the waterfront. In 1966 I was going to high school and working extras after school. I had two classes my senior year, and the dispatcher was looking for people to work. In the apartments upstairs, he would leave a card that says, "Go to work at A dock, B dock, or . . . Samoa." So that's how I got started.

[00:01:26] **RON:** Do you remember the first cargo you worked?

[00:01:30] **MACARIO:** You know, I think it was a log ship. The only jobs that was available then was the pond man. I used to work on a pond. By the way, the dispatcher would give me his cork boots, and he'd leave it up there at the apartment so I could use it to go work, by 10 o'clock or 11 o'clock. So that's how I got started.

[00:01:59] **RON:** You worked logs. What other cargo did you get into?

[00:02:02] **MACARIO:** Well, all forest products. Lumber, logs, plywood, pulp, woodchips. All forest products.

[00:02:12] **RON:** Your entire career at Eureka, in longshoring, you spent most of your time at Eureka? Or did you travel?

[00:02:30] **MACARIO:** When I first started, it was busy. Then maybe around the late seventies, work died down. After it died down, then I got a steady job. I worked for West Falls Stevedore Company [sic] for around eight, ten years. The work was getting so slow, so they says, “Well, go back to the hall.” When I went back to the hall, everybody says, “Hey, you had a steady job all this time, what are you gonna do?” So I just went down the road working. I started working in Sacramento, Stockton, San Francisco, and southern Oregon—Coos Bay.

[00:03:17] **RON:** They must have been different, especially Coos Bay from Eureka.

[00:03:22] **MACARIO:** No, I think they were about the same.

[00:03:24] **RON:** Did you work in gang or in field work?

[00:03:33] **MACARIO:** No, no, I just worked out of the hall. I like going to the hall and picking the job—that’s what I like because I never had the same job. I always had a different job.

[00:03:48] **RON:** Always looking for variety.

[00:03:49] **MACARIO:** There you go, there you go, yes. So that’s how I did my work.

[00:03:57] **RON:** You enjoyed working.

[00:03:58] **MACARIO:** Oh, I love my job. Best job I ever had. Sometimes I even say to that guy upstairs [reference to God] , and Harry [Bridges] also, I says, “Oh, thank you, guys!” [laughs]

[00:04:12] **RON:** Did you ever get hurt?

[00:04:14] **MACARIO:** Yes, yes. In 1972, I was in the back of a forklift, and it was the very top load. They had the two tiers of lumber. Well, the top lumber slipped off the top, and it fell on me. I was off for two years.

[00:04:38] **RON:** Wow.

[00:04:39] **MACARIO:** Yea, I broke this leg—Dr. Hitchko saved my leg.

[00:04:40] **RON:** Jeez. Did you serve on the Labor Relations Committee or anything like that?

[00:04:57] **MACARIO:** The only committee I gave to was the Safety Committee.

[00:05:05] **RON:** Is that as a result of your accident, or. . . ?

[00:05:08] **MACARIO:** No, no, no, no. Somebody nominated me. Usually I say “I deny,” but I accepted for some reason, which was a good deal.

[00:05:23] **RON:** Were there a lot of accidents in Eureka? Do you remember?

[00:05:28] **MACARIO:** I didn't think so. We had the older workforce, and they seemed like they knew what to do. Well, I was young and I got hurt. I turned my back on the load, and it came down and got me. Never turn your back towards the load.

[00:05:50] **RON:** Did you have a partner that you worked with?

[00:05:54] **MACARIO:** The last 15 or 20 years I had a partner whose name was Robert Shively. We travel all the ports: Coos Bay, Sacramento, Stockton, [? Santa Anita City ?] . Robert was holding off for full Social Security [benefits] . Then he got sick. He passed. So—

[00:06:20] **RON:** Did he get—

[00:06:20] **MACARIO:** He didn't get a pension. That made me think I should retire. I had lots of years on the waterfront. So I says, 'You know, it would be a shame if I never collected a penny of my pension after working all these years.'

[00:06:41] **RON:** Did you ever go back to Maui?

[00:06:43] **MACARIO:** Yes. I went back to visit my parents. I think I'm going to take another visit to Maui next year. I'm going to celebrate my 50th class reunion in Lahainaluna [High School] . I went to boarding school in Lahaina. I was fortunate enough—

[00:07:09] **RON:** I know Lahaina.

[00:07:10] **MACARIO:** Oh, you do?

[00:07:11] **RON:** Oh, you bet.

[00:07:12] **MACARIO:** I remember, when I left there, they were just starting to build Ka'anapali [Ka'anapali Beach Resort Association] . That was the first hotel. When I left, yes.

[00:07:28] **RON:** There was a Seattle [, Washington] longshoreman. His name was Bruce Hannon, and he took a vacation after World War II, before he went back to work. And he liked it, and he bought some land on Maui. Pretty quick he had enough land to build a golf course. Pretty quick around the golf course he sold the lots. He became a millionaire. He didn't have to worry about going down to work in longshoring in Seattle. So he moved there.

[00:08:11] **MACARIO:** Wow!

[00:08:15] **RON:** He was a '34 man, in the '34 strike, but he always said that he was a pocketbook liberal. Because he had the money, he could afford being a liberal. Did you ever get involved in any politics or the civil rights movement?

[00:08:36] **MACARIO:** The only thing I committed myself [to was] when we had a strike or a lockout. I participated, you know.

[00:08:51] **RON:** In the development of Hawai'i, the coming of Local 142 is very—many times they tried to form longshore unions in Hawai'i. It was pretty unsuccessful till the coming of Local 142. Did you pay much attention to the longshore movement in Hawai'i?

[00:09:21] **MACARIO:** I was very young. My dad was a longshoreman in Kahului Railroad, when they had that strike. When I was a young boy, I remember my dad would take me to the soup kitchen. I remember my dad, he took me so we could go have a meal. But my dad was self-sufficient. We had our garden, his chickens. We didn't have to go to the soup kitchen, but we did go.

[00:09:54] **RON:** He wanted you to see it.

[00:09:56] **MACARIO:** Yes, but, you know, not very much remembering. I just remember that I went there.

[00:10:05] **RON:** Do you have brothers and sisters?

[00:10:07] **MACARIO:** I have a half-sister. Actually, my step-dad is another longshoreman. That's how I got up here.

[00:10:14] **RON:** Oh, you're in it!

[00:10:15] **MACARIO:** Yes, yes, yes. My mom didn't want me to be a longshoreman.

[00:10:19] **RON:** They don't. Most mothers are afraid that you will get killed.

[00:10:26] **MACARIO:** She says to me, she would rather me to go to school. Well, I told her, if my step-dad can raise our family working as a longshoreman, I sure in the heck, I can do the same thing. So, I got lucky. I got accepted as a B-man '67, '68.

[00:10:53] **RON:** Do you know Wesley Furtado?

[00:10:56] **MACARIO:** No.

[00:10:57] **RON:** He's the vice president of the ILWU; he's from Hawai'i.

[00:11:04] **MACARIO:** No.

[00:11:09] **RON:** Eureka was pretty much when I was growing up a lily-white community. When you moved in, were you all alone, or . . . ?

[00:11:23] **MACARIO:** Well, we stayed as a group. And the families stayed pretty close to each other. All the longshoremen, when they were working, they used to congregate. Like lunch, they would bring their lunch can and everybody would share. And everybody looking, you know, to see what they're eating. [laughs] One day they see the fish heads. We're having fish heads. They used to call us, "Hey, fish heads!" Well, them years, the fish heads were free at the cannery. So my parents would go over there and we would make soup. It's cold in Eureka, and they had this fish head soup to drink. And everybody looking, they says, "Jeez, fish head soup." [laughs]

[00:12:29] **RON:** I was a waiter working through college and we had fish heads and rice. There were guys that really turned them off; they couldn't eat lunch. [laughs] Were you in the union—oh, you must have been, in '71, when the strike—

[00:12:53] **MACARIO:** The long strike!

[00:12:53] **RON:** The long strike, that's a good title. Were you in Eureka?

[00:12:59] **MACARIO:** Yes. We had the best time.

[00:13:02] **RON:** How did you have the best time? 127 days!

[00:13:03] **MACARIO:** Oh, jeez, we had it organized. We had a bumming committee. They would go to different places to ask if they could donate some stuff. Another group would go up to the mountains, the old homesteads, and go get apples, pears, whatever they can.

[00:13:30] **RON:** Oh, wow.

[00:13:31] **MACARIO:** As usual, we had beer, too, to go up there with. We'll go onto the tree and get all the apples we can get, and we take it to the hall. Dispatcher calls up and says, "Hey, we got apples. Come on down!" And some guys went clamming and brought the clams to the hall. "Hey, we got clams. Come on down." And the fishermen—ask them for a donation. They had a pick-up full of fish, pull the tarp over, "Take what you want." And, to top it off, Buckhorn [beer] was like a buck-and-a-half [for] a six pack. So we drank Buckhorn beer [laughs] and barbeque—we barbequed every day.

[00:14:27] **RON:** How big is Eureka?

[00:14:28] **MACARIO:** 25,000, I think.

[00:14:31] **RON:** 25,000. And is it still in the lumber industry?

[00:14:38] **MACARIO:** It's still, but it's really depressed. It's really depressed.

[00:14:47] **RON:** You have to stay ahead of the game. You have to get into containers now, in that world.

In the last years, did you travel a great deal?

[00:14:58] **MACARIO:** Oh, yes, a lot. Well, actually, more when the recession was, and the work has died, nearly 40%. I had to go all the way down to San Diego to look for work.

[00:15:19] **RON:** In the old days, in transfer, when you traveled, you had to get somebody from the other union. Like, say you're in San Diego, if you wanted to stay there, you had to get somebody from San Diego who wanted to go to Eureka or whatever.

[00:15:34] **MACARIO:** No.

[00:15:35] **RON:** You just traveled on your own?

[00:15:37] **MACARIO:** Yes.

[00:15:37] **RON:** Can you just pick up and go to San Diego with your card and say, "Here I am"?

[00:15:43] **MACARIO:** You have to stand in line. There's an order [to] how you get dispatched.

[00:15:48] **RON:** They go with the A-Man first?

[00:15:50] **MACARIO:** Well, travelers, especially me, would be at the end of the—I'm just before the casuals.

[00:15:56] **RON:** Ok, wow.

[00:15:58] **MACARIO:** So, it was tough. Especially when you had to take out of your own pocket to travel, the rooms, the meals. I wrote it off, I wrote it off. You know, Uncle Sam.

[00:16:12] **RON:** I know I'm not supposed to ask, but was there a particular port you liked to travel to? Or were they all pretty much the same?

[00:16:21] **MACARIO:** Well, I think Port Hueneme for me. The weather was pretty good. Right on the ocean. Clean air, small port. That's my deal. I like small ports. I don't care too much for the bigger ones. I do San Francisco because I know most of the guys here.

[00:16:58] **RON:** I met one of the very first Hawai'ians who came to work on the West Coast. He came in the fifties. And he told me he changed his name, a Hawaiian name, to Reinhardt and went by the nickname "Pineapple Reinhardt." I don't know if you've ever heard of him?

[00:17:29] **MACARIO:** No.

[00:17:29] **RON:** Well, Pineapple got to be the president of the Seattle local.

[00:17:33] **MACARIO:** Really?

[00:17:33] **RON:** Yea, he was really wild with the employer and they liked him on Labor Relations Committee. He said that that early they weren't picking people with Hawai'ian names but they were picking people with German names and this kind of thing. And so that's how he came over. But you didn't have any of that kind of problem?

[00:18:00] **MACARIO:** No, no. Everything was pretty good. Thank God for the hiring hall because it's orderly. It's not [that] you just pick who you want. It's orderly. That's good.

[00:18:17] **RON:** There's a peg. Well, that's a really important point. Was the dispatch pretty much the same, port to port? The different ports you worked at, was it pretty much the same?

[00:18:34] **MACARIO:** For where I traveled, yes. Pretty much the same.

[00:18:40] **RON:** But was the dispatch rotated?

[00:18:45] **MACARIO:** Yes.

[00:18:46] **RON:** That doctrine is the essence of the ILWU. Everybody gets their turn.

[00:18:52] **MACARIO:** That was great.

[00:18:57] **RON:** You did work in Oregon, in Coos Bay. You found that to be about the same as the California ports. That's a lumber port, isn't it?

[00:19:07] **MACARIO:** Yes, yes.

[00:19:08] **RON:** That's a [inaudible] . Did you know Harry Bridges started there?

[00:19:12] **MACARIO:** No, I did not.

[00:19:13] **RON:** Coos Bay, 1923. Yea. He married there, in Coos Bay.

[00:19:20] **MACARIO:** Huh! Wow. I didn't know that.

[00:19:29] **RON:** He stayed there three or four years. At that time, he was a winch driver. That's what he did. But I wondered, did you ever see Harry?

[00:19:49] **MACARIO:** No, well, I didn't see him personally. But I was there for his last farewell. Out to the Golden Gate Bridge.

[00:20:01] **RON:** You went there?

[00:20:03] **MACARIO:** I came all the way down here with some of my friends. We got on the ferry and we went out there to say farewell to Harry [Bridges] . I didn't meet him personally, but I seen him leave. I still thank him.

[00:20:24] **RON:** They weren't successful until he came aboard. The longshoremen had lost strike after strike. '34 was a big victory. And his civil rights record was pretty impressive. Did anybody ever call you a radical because you belonged to the ILWU?

[00:20:45] **MACARIO:** Oh, of course. Yes, yes, when we were in Hawai'i, my friends and other people called my dad a communist. My dad's a Filipino, and he belonged to the union. But he was just there to make a living. He kind of minded his own business, just like me. My whole family have been—since my dad—my dad died at 94, so he—he stayed with the union.

[00:21:28] **RON:** He got the pension.

[00:21:30] **MACARIO:** Wasn't much! Wasn't much then because it was really small. Social Security helped him because, as the years went, they got bigger and bigger. So, that helped out a lot.

[00:21:44] **RON:** I went on Social Security in 1983. I enjoyed it. I was 65. It was such a nice, pleasant check. I'm trying to think of the amount. It's increased by about \$100 in the twenty-five years I've been on Social Security. But the cost of living raise equals the cost of Medicare going up. The pension is relatively the same because any raise they give you, they take away with your medical bill. But your pension now is sufficient for you to travel?

[00:22:44] **MACARIO:** Oh, sheesh, it's really good. I never realized how good it was. I just was working, minding my own business. When I first applied for pension, I would think, 'How am I gonna make it?' Here I've been working my behind off. That part, not knowing when you're going to get a check or some kind of income. My check came the next month! So it turned out really good. The wife and I, we had direct deposit and we seen, "Holy moly! We got this much?" Then I applied for Social Security, and they said I was going to lose a good percentage of my pension. They told me how much, and I says, "Oh, heck, I can live without that, the reduction." The good thing about it—everybody says how bad the government is—the wife never worked a day in her life. I always took care of my family. Three kids and the wife, and a couple dogs. We made a great living. So, we went to Social Security, signed up, and the lady behind the desk says to my wife, "Well, Eunice, you get half of Mac's Social Security." And we says, "She never worked." And she says, "Oh, no, she gets half of your

Social Security because she didn't work." I says, "I don't know how the thing works." Well, when she says she gets half of my pension, and it was a pretty good amount, we looked at each other and says, "Boy, we didn't expect that much money."

[00:24:51] **RON:** Bonus!

[00:24:52] **MACARIO:** [laughs] Yes! We're walking out to the car, just smiling. I says, "Well, this government's not that bad after all!"

[00:25:02] **RON:** Did you ever one day just say, 'I'm going to take the day off and enjoy my life, feel the freedom of longshoring?' Or did you always have to be scouting for a job? Did you ever have a day that you could just call your own?

[00:25:25] **MACARIO:** Every day was my own. I loved my job. I loved the excitement. Like I was telling you earlier, I'm looking for the hardest job you've got. And I'm going to do it. I'm going to do it good.

[00:25:46] **RON:** Did any of your children want to go into the industry?

[00:25:49] **MACARIO:** Well, that's a really hard question for me because I always tell my kids, "Do what I tell ya." But they never did. So now I have to take care of them because they didn't listen to me.

[00:26:11] **RON:** They're boomerangs.

[00:26:13] **MACARIO:** I don't know, well, enjoy it while I'm still alive.

[00:26:19] **RON:** Just make the best of it.

[00:26:20] **MACARIO:** There you go. I'm not going take it with me, so I dish it out a little bit at a time.

[00:26:25] **RON:** Have you been to pension conventions before this one?

[00:26:34] **MACARIO:** I'm glad you asked. I'm a casual. This is my first.

[00:26:39] **RON:** Oh, you are?

[00:26:40] **MACARIO:** Yes! I'm a casual! I'm a rookie! Actually, big rookie, I'm here [looking around] .

[00:26:48] **RON:** Yes, you're alive!

I'm now thirty-two years in retirement, and I felt very lucky, random. 'Where's cancer?' They left me alone, this kind of thing. I'm still able to live, and I think that's all random, how you make it after you retire. To go to a pension convention and see old friends, the social aspects. The rivalries are gone. There's a friendliness that's part of it. And you've earned it. You've earned that pension and the right to it. Big Bob this morning talked about pension and welfare. It started in '52, and how small it was. Now people can actually live on it. It's not hand to mouth existence. I understand.

If you had it all over, would you have gone to school instead of longshoring?

[00:28:13] **MACARIO:** Oh heck no. I got the best job, exciting job. I met a lot of people. I love challenges. I like to go different places and learn. When you're in Eureka, I noticed everybody do the same job the same way,

all the time. My traveling has taught me how to do things differently. So, when I go back to Eureka and I'm doing something, I do it like they did in some other port because I thought it was better. When I go back to my port and I do something better, everybody goes like, "Hey, what are you doing?" Usually they don't say too much about me because I have pretty good work ethics. So they leave me alone. At the end of the day, they say, "Hmm, where'd you learn that from?" [laughs] So, going to different ports, you learn. You learn.

[00:29:26] **RON:** That's really important.

[00:29:27] **MACARIO:** You learn. When I used to work in San Francisco, we did a lot of break bulk cargo. We do a lot of special things over there. Over here, they do just cans. So I come down here and work, and this gang boss says, [whispers] "Get in my gang." And I says, "I don't know if I can," because I'm at the end of the dispatch. He goes around and says, "Nobody gets in my gang because you're going get fired." But we ended up in his gang, and he was always turned on, good.

[00:30:10] **RON:** Did you get fired from a job? Did suddenly everybody get up and leave?

[00:30:21] **MACARIO:** I've taken job actions on the job. Where they always shortchange you on the manny [? manifest?] . So the company comes up; the boss comes up and says, "Well, you usually do a pretty good job. What happened?" Well, I was taking a little job action. He says, "Anything wrong?" I says, "No." He says, "Why are you going so slow?" I says, "Well, I'm working safe." So, he couldn't fire me because I didn't tell him I was taking a job action. So I just tell him I was working safe.

[00:31:06] **RON:** When you served on the Safety Committee, did you review the safety rules? The speed-up is famous and it collides with the safety rules. When you served on the Safety Committee, was that the kind of thing you discussed?

[00:31:36] **MACARIO:** Things were pretty good in Eureka. We didn't have that many accidents. We had a lot of people who were there for many years. They knew their jobs, so that made it easy. There were a few things, like the gangways not rigged up right. The save-alls [safety nets] not there correctly, we might fall off. Slips, trips, and falls. Things like that.

[00:32:03] **RON:** Right, right, right.

[00:32:04] **MACARIO:** Just, be careful. You can't just turn your head. You've got to keep your eye on the job. That's about it, you know. The company was pretty safety-minded also, so we were lucky there, too. So we worked pretty good together.

[00:32:24] **RON:** You didn't have job actions, nothing really serious where you all walked off the ship?

[00:32:33] **MACARIO:** No, no, no. One time I was in Sacramento. I don't know whether to call it job action or a safety thing. The only thing I can remember, we helped out a crew, a ship crew. They weren't getting paid; they weren't getting enough food. And they didn't have no water! They were drinking rust, you know, the bottom of the tank.

So we kind of like stood back. "Hey, take care of the guys. Make sure they get their pay and provisions." Little job action like that. It was taken care of. That was good. But I don't know if some other people on other companies could do that. We could.

[00:33:29] **RON:** Did the different ports you worked at, did they specialize? I know Coos Bay was lumber, probably Eureka. When you worked Sacramento—

[00:33:41] **MACARIO:** Sacramento? Sacramento's like rice. Lot of rice. When I first started there, we were carrying sacks of rice.

[00:33:52] **RON:** You were belly-packing?

[00:33:53] **MACARIO:** Yes, belly-packing, yea. But I was fortunate enough, I could handle the thing.

[00:33:58] **RON:** How heavy were the sacks?

[00:34:00] **MACARIO:** Some guys said it was 50 kilos, like 110, 112 pounds. We're lucky enough we can handle it. It's not the heavy, it's how to do your work. Don't carry it too far. You have to think how to create your patterns so you don't have to walk.

[00:34:26] **RON:** That always amazed me that some people would prefer belly-packing to shoulder-packing. I don't know why.

[00:34:36] **MACARIO:** I like the belly-backing, myself. My dad, when he came to visit, I took him to Sacramento. During the old days, it's two men to a bag. When he seen us guys, belly-packing one man each bag, he rolls his eyes. He says, "Oh, that never! Oh, no, no, no," he says, "That's no good."

[00:35:06] **RON:** What kind of load—did you put 24 sacks of rice in Sacramento on a pallet board, or 30?

[00:35:18] **MACARIO:** We basically discharged. Took it off the board. It's not like in San Francisco. We didn't make it a pallet. We had the easy part. We used gravity. We dropped it. We didn't have to pick it up! We didn't have to pick it up. You use gravity.

[00:35:39] **RON:** That's called practical physics.

[00:35:43] **MACARIO:** There you go. Actually, it takes technique. You know, trying not to use too much.

[00:35:50] **RON:** Did you learn that from an old-timer?

[00:35:53] **MACARIO:** I learned all my work from the old-timers. Even shoveling had a certain technique. And I picked it off of some of the old-timers in Stockton.

I wasn't ashamed of what kind of a job I got. If I was on the shovel, I'd be happy. If I was on the forklift, I was happy. If I was on the cranes, I was happy. I took anything.

[00:36:20] **RON:** Did you do hides?

[00:36:22] **MACARIO:** I did hides in San Francisco when I first started.

[00:36:25] **RON:** Oh God.

[00:36:26] **MACARIO:** I remember the bus driver says, or some of the guys sitting in the bus says, "Hey, kid, take the next bus!" [Both laugh.]

[00:36:40] **RON:** I think bone meal was another—

[00:36:42] **MACARIO:** Fishmeal? Yes, yes.

[00:36:45] **RON:** Fishmeal, oh God. And somebody told me the worst was peanut oil.

[00:36:51] **MACARIO:** I never worked peanut oil.

[00:36:52] **RON:** Neither did I. I've been looking for somebody who worked peanut oil, so I can find out. Maybe I don't really want to know! But the cargo—you had to handle what came.

[00:37:04] **MACARIO:** Yes.

[00:37:09] **RON:** The trade with Asia is everything on the West Coast, whether Korea, China, or Japan, or whatever. Our business world is that, that style. Have you been to the Philippines?

[00:37:32] **MACARIO:** No, I didn't care to go there. I got a lot more places to go here. I think our next trip here we're thinking about going to Florida. If we make it to December 25th, the wife and I, Eunice, will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. The reason why we're going to Florida is because we're going to Disneyland. No, really! Because we're a Disney nut. [sic] When I was growing up, Disney was the big thing. So even today I'm a Disney fan.

[00:38:12] **RON:** You love it.

[00:38:12] **MACARIO:** Ooh! I'm a Disney fan all the way. So my grandkids say, "Oh, Grandpa, you love Disney." I say, "Oh, yes!"

[00:38:20] **RON:** Mrs. Disney was my wife's aunt.

[00:38:23] **MACARIO:** No!

[00:38:23] **RON:** Yes, yes.

[00:38:25] **MACARIO:** Really!

[00:38:25] **RON:** All we got out of it were two hand-carved Mickey and Minnie Mouses that Walt Disney drew that somebody borrowed or stole from us. There was no connection to the family except one Christmas card. I don't know how he knew, but he said, "From one socialist to another." He'd been a Socialist Party organizer as a young man. He was a cartoonist. But, anyway, that's as close as I got to him was the Christmas card.

That's Disney World you're going to?

[00:39:14] **MACARIO:** Yes, yes, yes!

[00:39:15] **RON:** Why not?

[00:39:19] **MACARIO:** My dream was, before something happens, we got to go. That's our goal. We're planning, we're planning.

[00:39:32] **RON:** We did that, traveled to places that my wife and I wanted to see. We had 55 years together, and then one day she was gone. Just out of the blue. So every day is precious.

[00:39:52] **MACARIO:** Yes!

[00:39:53] **RON:** We did Disney World. A wonderful thing happened there. They came around and said, “We’re having a slow period. Would you like to stay a couple more weeks?” We said, “Sure!”

[00:40:06] **MACARIO:** Wow! That’s good!

[00:40:08] **RON:** Yes, it was really fun, you know?

[00:40:10] **MACARIO:** I don’t think we’ll get that part.

[00:40:12] **RON:** The next day it poured and poured, and I knew why it was vacant! [laughs]

Of all the jobs you had, which one did you like the best, on the waterfront?

[00:40:28] **MACARIO:** I liked logs.

[00:40:29] **RON:** You liked logs.

[00:40:30] **MACARIO:** I liked logs.

[00:40:31] **RON:** Do you like the smell of them?

[00:40:33] **MACARIO:** I did, I did. See, we didn’t have too much of the wet logs. So we didn’t have much smell. But when you’re in Coos Bay, oh my!

[00:40:44] **RON:** Yes, yes!

[00:40:46] **MACARIO:** Yes, yes. Even I was saying, “Sheesh.” [makes a grimace]

[00:40:50] **RON:** Yes, yes. That got in your lungs, you know.

[00:40:53] **MACARIO:** No, I didn’t pay much attention.

[00:40:54] **RON:** Oh, you didn’t? Well, good, good. That’s where my mother was born and raised.

[00:41:00] **MACARIO:** Oh, in Coos Bay?

[00:41:01] **RON:** Coos Bay. That’s why I knew the story of Harry Bridges.

[00:41:06] **MACARIO:** Ok.

[00:41:07] **RON:** I love the town. Now there’s just one big Indian casino there—

[00:41:16] **MACARIO:** Yes, yes! The Mill [Casino] !

[00:41:17] **RON:** The Mill. Yes, yes.

[00:41:19] **MACARIO:** Yes, yes. I used to go there for lunches. “Hey, hurry up, man, I gotta go back to work.”
[Both laugh.]

[00:41:28] **RON:** Well, you’ve been a delight to talk to. Now, remember, I don’t know if it’s a year or two years, that this will be on the University of Washington website. You can watch yourself.

[00:41:45] **MACARIO:** Oh, I’m not going to watch myself.

[00:41:46] **RON:** You can tell your kids—

[00:41:47] **MACARIO:** Maybe I’ll tell my kids.

[00:41:48] **RON:** —you were a movie star! You made it to the big time!

[00:41:52] **MACARIO:** Thanks for Kinsey and Mike Mullins. They kind of prodded me. “Go ahead, Mac.” I says, “Oh, no, I’m not that—their cup of—.”

[00:42:01] **RON:** You’re a good interview.

[00:42:02] **MACARIO:** Well, I don’t know about that, but I tried.

[00:42:04] **RON:** You could have made it in the movies.

[00:42:06] **MACARIO:** No, longshoreman. Don’t worry about the movies. I’m with the longshoremen. [Ron laughs.]